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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - MONTHLY DEVELOPMENT REPORT - ARGENTINA,
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1. THE SPREADING MISUSE OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS
WITHIN ARGENTINA APPARENTLY IS CAUSING A REACTION AT THE
TOP. ON MARCH 31, AS A RESULT OF PERSONAL CONTACTS OF A
DEA LOCAL EMPLOYEE WITH MEMBERS OF MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE
LOPEZ REGA'S HOUSEHOLD GUARD, DEA ACTING REGIONAL DIRECTOR
MACOLINI AND SA TRYAL MET WITH THE MINISTER TO BRIEF HIM ON
THE CURRENT EXTENT OF THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN LATIN AMERICA
AND ARGENTINA IN PARTICULAR. LOPEZ REGA STATED INTERST RESULTED
FROM AN INCIDENT WHEREIN THE TEENAGED DAUGHTER OF ONE OF HIS
GUARDS HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO A SERIES OF SEXUAL ABUSES WHILE
UNDER THE EFFECTS OF NARCOTICS. AFTER RECEIVING A FULL DEA
BRIEFING, LOPEZ REGA STATED THAT HE WAS WILLING TO DISCUSS
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USG-GOA COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD AT ANY TIME.

FYI: DETAILS OF THE MEETING WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE MEMCON WHICH DEA IS PREPARING. THE OFFER TO DISCUSS COOPERATION WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE TELEGRAM. END FYI.

2. IN ADDITION TO THIS FORTUITOUS BREAKTHROUGH AT THE TOP, THERE IS PROGRESS IN MEETING THE PROBLEM AT THE WORKING LEVEL. A \$2.5 MILLION REFURBISHMENT OF AN OLD MILITARY HOSPITAL INTO A MODERN REHABILITATION CENTER CAPABLE OF HOUSING APPROXIMATELY 90 MALE AND 40 FEMALE DRUG ABUSERS IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE AND THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR SOCIAL REEDUCATION EXPECTS TO ACCEPT ITS FIRST RESIDENT PATIENTS WHEN NEW DINING FACILITIES ARE COMPLETED, HOPEFULLY WITHIN THE MONTH. THE DIRECTOR TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT SINCE HE FIRST ESTABLISHED HIS OFFICE IN THE 6 BUILDING COMPLEX TWO MONTHS AGO, WORD OF MOUTH PUBLICITY HAD BROUGHT FORTH 175 ABUSERS SEEKING ASSISTANCE. THE DRUGS OF ABUSE ARE MAINLY COCAINE AND AMPHETAMINES, ALTHOUGH THE CENTER IS ALSO TREATING MARIJUANA AND POLYDRUG ABUSERS. A MULTIDISCIPLINE TEAM OF PSYCHIATRISTS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS ARE WORKING WITH THE ABUSERS BOTH ON A INDIVIDUAL BASIS AS WELL AS A GROUP THERAPY BASIS.

3. DURING THE MONTH THE FEDERAL POLICE MADE FOUR ARRESTS FOR POSSESSION OF COCAINE AND THREE FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA.

4. THE MARCH 4-8 VISIT OF ARA COORDINATOR SHANKLE PROVED AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE NARCOTICS ACTION COMMITTEE TO REVIEW WITH HIM THE STATUS OF THE LOCAL PROGRAM, AS WELL AS TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF ISSUES WHICH ARE IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW AND FINAL DETERMINATION.
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